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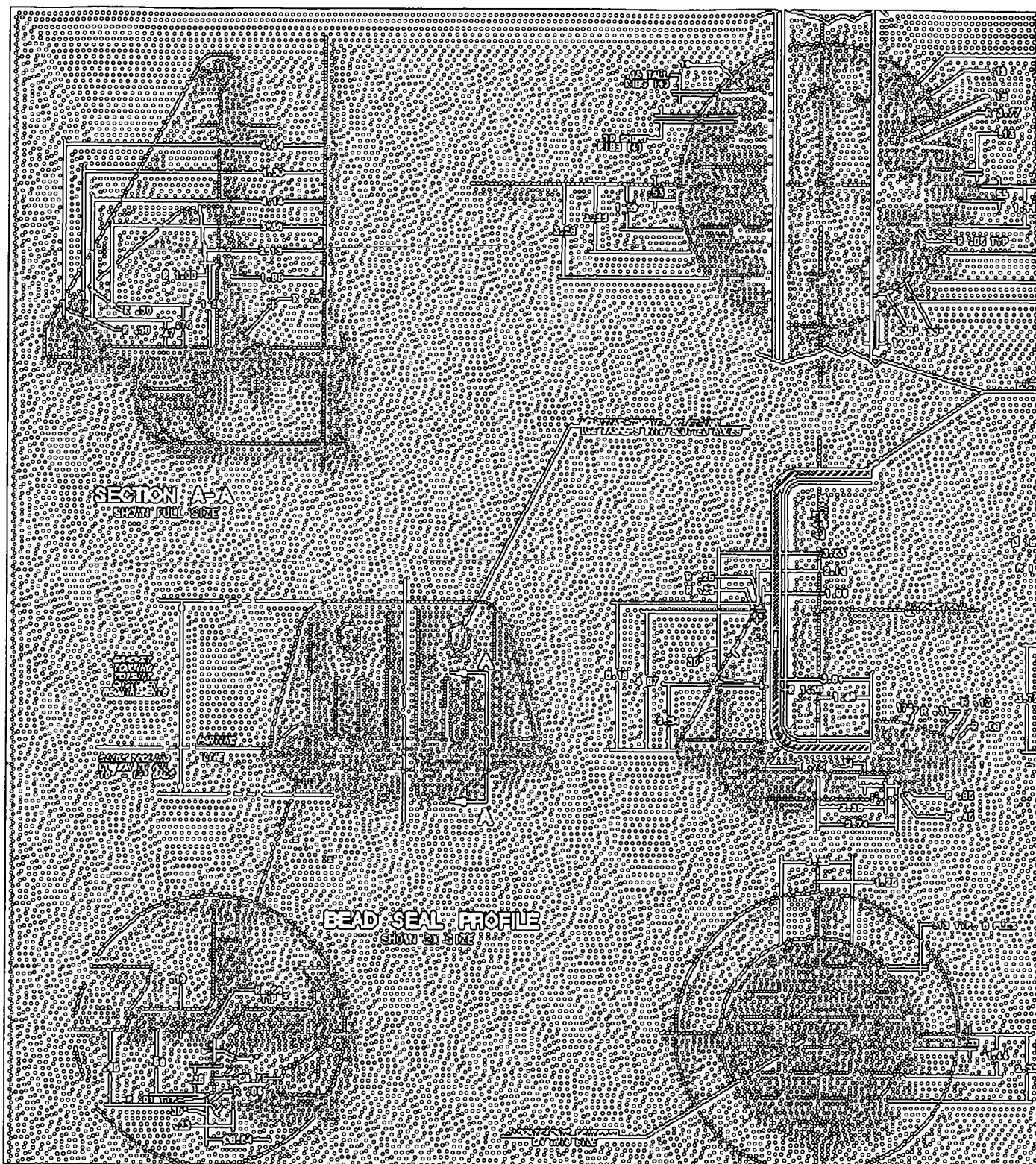
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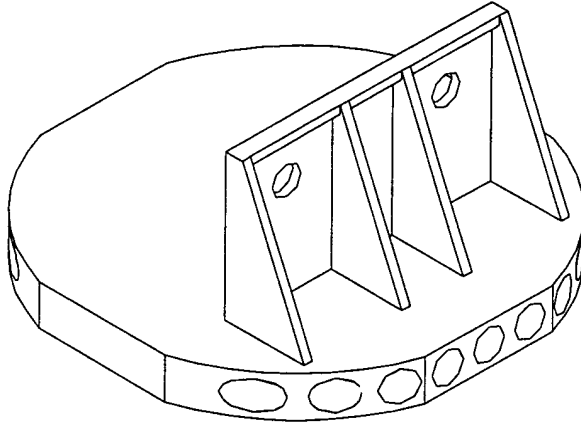
Got your fax..... good to hear from you!

Here are my replies to you questions.....

1. The original engineering drawings were electronic (not on paper); so, if electronic is OK with you then the answer is yes, I have them. I'm using plural here because there was a first attempt (picture below)...



and then a second design was generated after learning that there were interference problems with the first one. Pictured below is a "wire frame" view of the model used to make the prototypes that were tested in our lab.



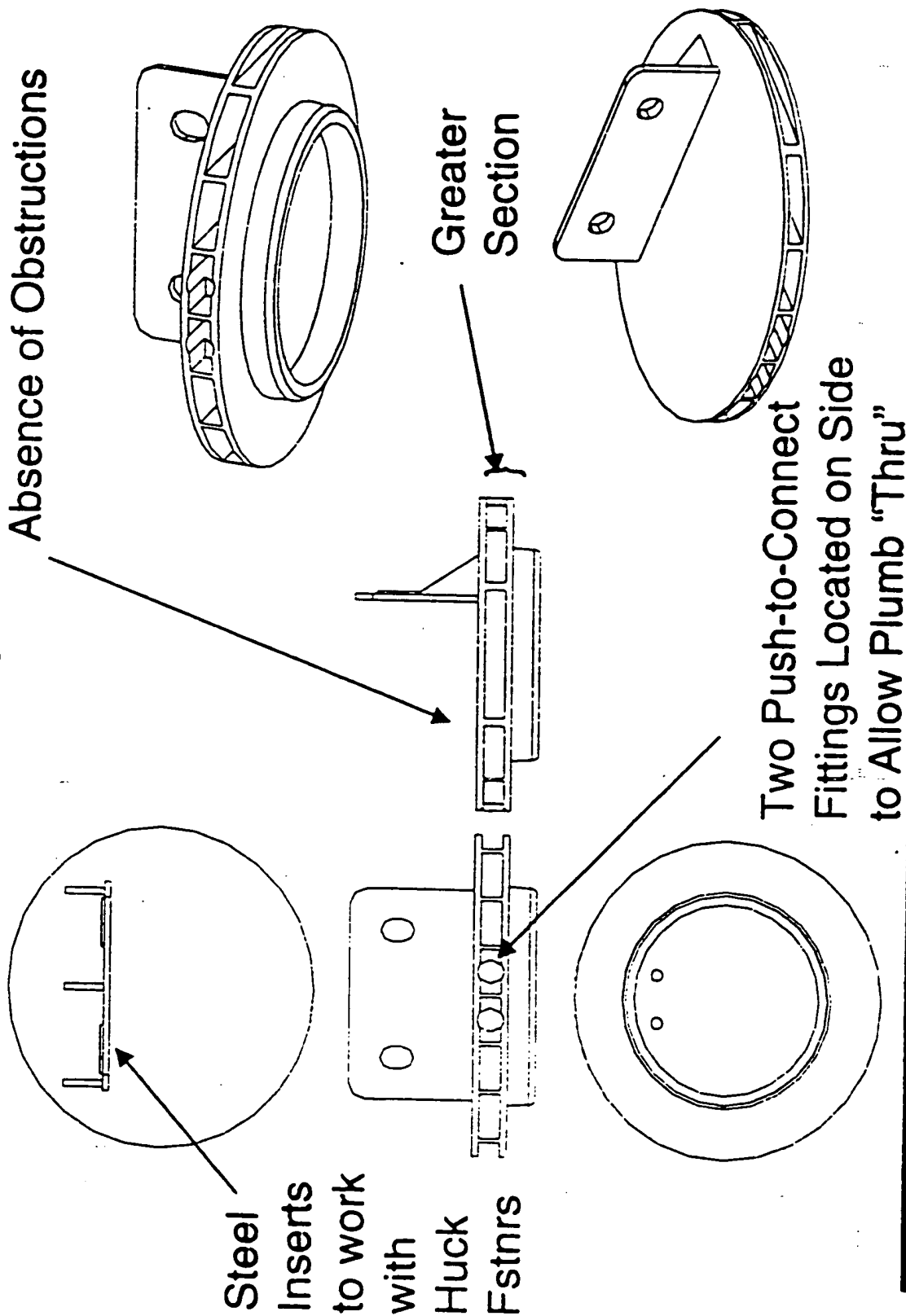
2. The date for the original drawing is hard for me to answer. Frankly, all I have are the file creation dates. Since this was a "blue sky" venture having technical challenges it did not follow our standard product procedures (sorry, I've since learned my lesson -- my bad). The file creation date for the first design was January 14, 1998 (even that design went through some revisions). Now the second design has a file creation date of May 27, 1998 (it was essentially a crude version of the presentation page you faxed to me). The drawing for the prototype shown above lists November 8, 2001 as the creation date but I have a spreadsheet that indicates the prototype was completed prior to August 2001 -- so the drawing date for this is unclear.

3. The remainder of your questions center around a drawing that clearly identifies the date as part of its content and, unfortunately, I do not have that.

If you need anything further I'd be glad to help.

MT

Redesigned Upper Retainer



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